



THE STATE OF THE STATE IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Some Basic Facts

Vermont is justly proud of its community based system of developmental services. Vermont is highly rated in:

- *Providing housing supports in settings of 3 or less.*
- *Providing employments supports (38%).*
- *Keeping people in the community and out of nursing homes and psychiatric institutions.*
- *Providing support to families.*
- *Providing individualized services that support self-determination.*

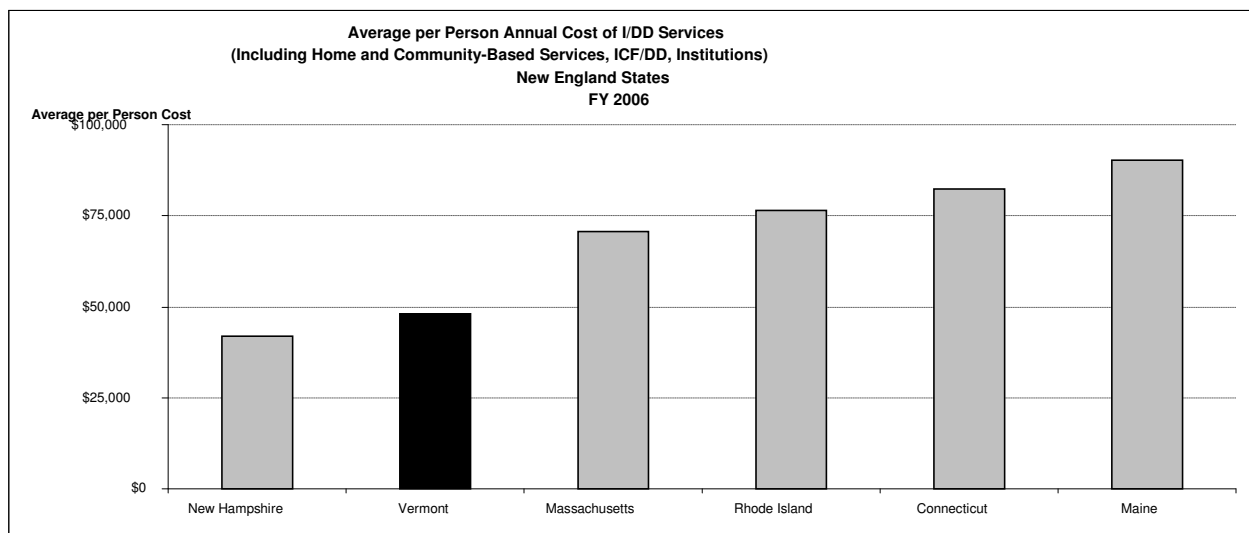
Who do we serve?

- *Vermont now serves 2,372 people through home & community based “waiver” services, 726 living with their families.*
- *Funding priorities are limited to emergencies like homelessness or death of caregiver, except for very limited funding for high school graduates with paid jobs.*
- *Vermont’s waiting list is now over 200, due in part to narrowing priorities for funding.*
- *Single people in developmental homes live on \$115 per month after room & board is paid.*

How cost-effective are our supports to our neighbors?

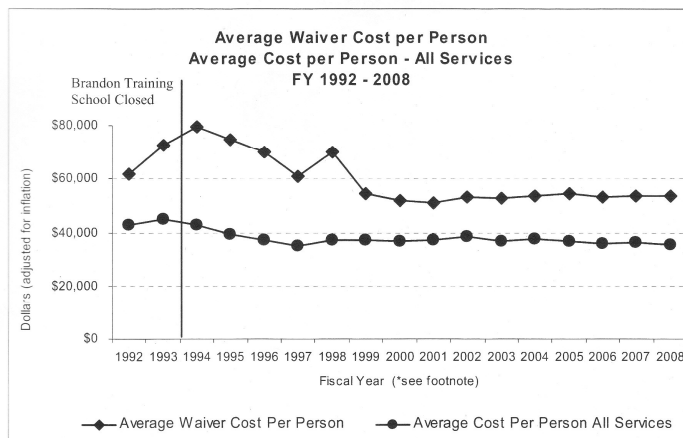
- *In 2008 dollars it would have cost \$283,470 per person per year at Brandon Training School.*
- *In 2006* it cost \$47,971 per person to provide services in the community.*
- *Vermont ranks 29th in spending per person in the US for developmental services.**
- *Vermont spent less in 2006* than all other New England states except New Hampshire.*

In 2009 NH increased its developmental services budget 11%; it has also passed legislation establishing a Developmental Services Quality Council to address quality concerns.



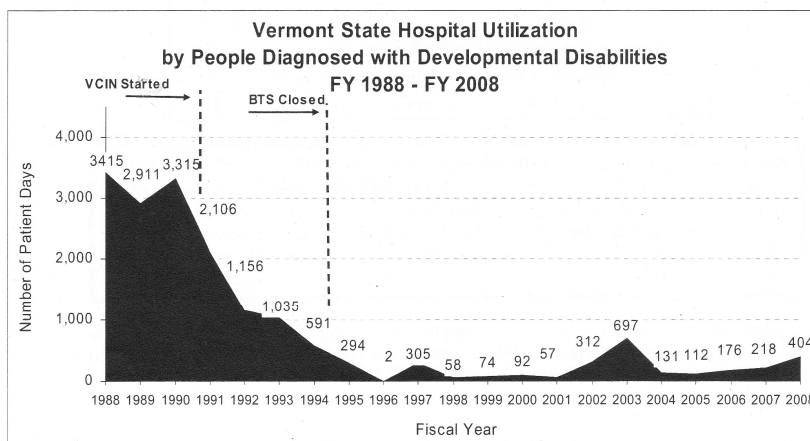
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Since closing Brandon Training School the average cost per person of services has gone down.



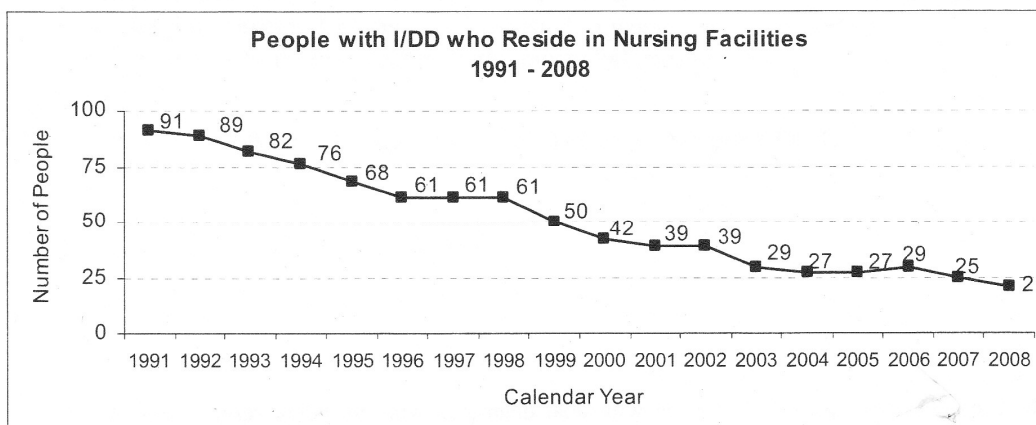
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So have emergency stays in the Vermont State Hospital



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And the financial and human cost of lives spent in nursing homes.



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